

GERMAN ADVANCE IS CHECKED IN GALICIA

Heavy Losses Reported in Campaign in Northern Poland

TONOPAH ROUTE PREFERABLE IN AUTOING ACROSS NEVADA

It has been said by an observer of traits and capabilities that there are people in this world who could cross the English channel and see more on the trip than others who circumnavigated the globe. After perusing a letter written on request to S. R. Moore, of Tonopah, from Dr. Annie DeShene, under date of Salt Lake City, the statement afore-quoted is given credence. Portions of Dr. DeShene's letter follow without quotations:

The Way Without the Highway

As I have a little leisure time today, I will try to give you an idea of the State of Nevada, and of the state of its roads, crossing from Utah via the Lincoln highway. In many places it is the "way" without the "high." Some parts are just the old emigrant roads, no work upon them having been done at all. I never before realized the number of mountain chains there are in Nevada.

We started from Reno and had plain sailing along the old bed of the Southern Pacific Railway company the greater part of the way to Wadsworth, consequently a direct highway. A beautiful driveway led out beyond Wadsworth, but it became

rough and before we reached Fallon it was simply awful.

We encountered one hole and furrow after another, and they said they had been newly plowed. We did not make our day's drive as planned and stopped at Salt Wells ranch, 16 miles from Fallon. Here we found surveyors and workmen busy with a branch of the railroad running out of Fallon and connecting with the Southern Pacific. Leaving the ranch there was a gradual ascent past the Eagleville Salt Works road, then a descent across the plains to within sight of Wonder and Fairview, with their mines. Then another grade and so on to Eastgate, which is the best stopping place on the road. We found here a stock ranch, with a cement house, bungalow style, with all the comforts of life except gas and electric lights. The place is owned by Williams Brothers, of Fallon.

A Castle on the Desert

On we go, over desert and mountain, reaching Austin, which is situated in a canyon 7,000 feet in elevation, far up on the hillsides. The power plant building—a castle—is

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UNITED STATES COULD END WAR WITHIN 90 DAYS

REPRESENTATIVE ADDRESSES FOREIGN RELATIONS HOUSE COMMITTEE

By Associated Press.
WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—How the United States could end the war in 90 days by cutting off the export of war supplies, and how some day the "issue" between this country and Japan must be "tried out in the Pacific," was today described by Representative Vollmer to the house foreign relations committee. With Representative Bartholdt he endorsed the joint resolution of Emperor William and President Wilson to prohibit the export of war supplies. Vollmer predicted that Japan proposed to hold not only Kiao-Chow, but the islands in the Pacific she has seized. He said that Germany cannot be beaten, as the people are united and determined. "If the war is permitted now to continue, it will go on until the world is dragged down into bankruptcy," Bartholdt said that shipments of war munitions have already been made in this country, aggregating \$150,000,000.

OUTLOOK FOR NEW YEAR IS PLEASING TO BANKERS

WAR SCARE IS OVER AND DEPOSITS ARE ON THE INCREASE

With the candle of the old year sputtering in its socket, the mind naturally turns to a review of conditions, particularly financial, during the past twelve months, together with an outlook upon the future. The best source of information on such matters is the local banks and the cashiers of each were led into conversation this morning.

J. M. Gregory, head of Tonopah Banking corporation, said: "Since midsummer there has been a material increase in deposits. Prior to that time the war scare caused a little uneasiness among depositors, particularly those who were natives of the nations embroiled, and some accounts were withdrawn, but later they were restored. All anxiety on that score has disappeared and the bank is looking forward to a prosperous year. The advancing stock market has helped out local people to a great extent. Inasmuch as they live close to the field of operations, they were well informed as to developments and in the main made profitable investments. There is an improved demand for Tonopah real estate and merchants and other business men are in more optimistic mood than they have been at any time since the decline in silver. I look for large development work in both central and outlying properties during the coming year."

Edward A. James, cashier of the Nevada First National bank, said: "Financial conditions are good. Both banks carried large cash reserves through the season of uneasiness on account of the war, so as to be able to take care of any contingency, but none arose. There were some withdrawals of deposits when the scare started, but they were nearly all re-banked and now deposits are increasing. The decline at the height of the excitement was surprisingly small. While the outlook for the new year, judging from the physical condition of Tonopah's mines, is most excellent, financial conditions will depend to a large extent upon the price of silver and there is every reason to believe that it will materially advance. The new prosperity which Goldfield is enjoying is reflected in Tonopah."

ANNUAL ASSESSMENT WORK MUST BE DONE

BILL TO RELIEVE CLAIM OWNERS FAILS TO PASS CONGRESS

Senator Key Pittman wires the Bonanza that annual assessment work must be done for this year on mining claims. The bill to remit the work for the year did not pass congress, as the land department considered such legislation unnecessary. When the bill was introduced Senator Pittman opposed its passage. There are a considerable number of claims in this and other districts in the state upon which the annual work has not been done, in expectation that relief would be extended by congress and that the claims could be held for another year without representation. It is generally accepted that a tenancy exists if the work is begun before midnight of the last day of the year, which even at this late notice of the failure of the bill will permit claim owners to save their property.

Classified ads in the Bonanza will reach the homes of all in Tonopah. Try an ad to rent your rooms and for table board.

CONTRADICTORY REPORTS FROM BERLIN CLAIM VICTORIES IN THE EASTERN ZONE OF WARFARE

By Associated Press.
WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—The Russian foreign minister has cabled to the Russian ambassador denying the statement that Russia has proposed peace negotiations with Germany, independent of the allies. He characterized the report, which has gained wide circulation, as absurd.

By Associated Press.
LONDON, Dec. 30.—Assertions by Russia of an important victory won over the Austrians in Galicia have been confirmed. An official statement from Vienna admits that the Austrians were compelled to retreat along the entire eastern front. It is said that the situation in northern Poland is not affected by the reversal although Petrograd asserts that the movement of the main German army has been checked and that the losses to the enemy were enormous.

By Associated Press.
LONDON, Dec. 30.—In direct contrast with recent Petrograd dispatches are statements from Berlin that victories have been gained in the eastern district. Germany asserts that the Russian cavalry which invaded East Prussia has been driven back four miles from the border. The German advance on Poland continues. Skierniewice and Lowicz were captured by the Germans two weeks ago, according to advices from Berlin.

By Associated Press.
PARIS, Dec. 30.—The French made slight gains near Neuport. German attacks at Sonnebeke and other points were driven back. The Germans are bombarding St. Georges, which the allies took yesterday.

BRITISH JOURNAL SAYS "NO" TO THE AMERICAN NOTE

COMMUNICATION CONSIDERED BY OFFICIALLY TO BE FRIENDLY

By Associated Press.
LONDON, Dec. 30.—The American note sent by the United States to Great Britain, protesting against the action of British warships in detaining and seizing the cargo of American vessels suspected of carrying contraband of war, is under consideration by the British foreign office. No intimation is given out as to when a reply may be expected. A frank discussion of the note by British officials shows that they consider it as friendly. They do not believe that there are differences that cannot be reconciled satisfactorily. Much depends upon the effective work of Denmark, Holland, Norway and Sweden to prevent reshipment to Germany and Austria. It is characteristic of that newspaper's attitude on American affairs that the Globe should conclude its editorial thus: "There is only one possible answer to make to the American demand, and that is 'No.'"

PASSENGERS ROBBED BY HIGHWAYMEN

SECURE MONEY AND JEWELRY AND MAKE THEIR ESCAPE

By Associated Press.
SAN ANTONIO, Tex., Dec. 30.—Two masked men robbed the passengers in two sleeping cars on the Sunset express near Cline, Texas, this morning. The porter was compelled to awaken the passengers, when the highwaymen took their money and jewelry. It is believed they secured a considerable sum. After working the two cars the bandits pulled the bellcord and made their escape.

COMMISSIONER APPOINTED FOR BLUE SKY LAW

By Associated Press.
SACRAMENTO, Dec. 30.—H. L. Carnahan, an attorney of Riverside, has been appointed commissioner of corporations to administer the blue sky law.

THINK DIFFICULTY WILL BE BRIDGED

TROUBLE WITH ENGLAND MAY BE ADJUSTED IN AMITY

By Associated Press.
LONDON, Dec. 30.—Foreign Minister Grey returned today. His majesty's ministers discussed the protest entered by the United States concerning the restrictions placed on American commerce. Washington's communication to the British government holds first place, not only in the news, but in the editorial columns of the newspapers, and wherever the war is discussed. It is contended that the spirit of mutual good will will surely bridge the difficulty and obviate further irritation. "We have no right to feel aggrieved," says the Westminster Gazette, which more than any other newspaper voices the views of the government.

PRELIMINARY HELD IN CATTLE KILLING CASE

THREE DEFENDANTS APPEAR TODAY BEFORE TOWNSHIP JUSTICE

The justice courtroom was thronged today to hear evidence in the case of the State of Nevada against Jack Bartemas, Gard Kelsey and Carl Hansen, who underwent preliminary examination before Judge Dunseath on the charge of unlawfully killing cattle. The witnesses this morning for the state were Dan Edwards and Wm. Cromwell. A recess was taken at noon until 2 o'clock, when the taking of testimony was resumed. The defendants are represented by H. H. Atkinson.

SPEAKER OPPOSED TO STATES' RIGHTS THEORY

By Associated Press.
TOPEKA, Kansas, Dec. 30.—States' rights is one of the latest arguments that could be offered in opposition to national prohibition, according to Governor Hodges, who spoke today before the National Convention of Intercollegiate Prohibition association. He said that the suggestion that national prohibition is contrary to the spirit of our government sounds like the slavery arguments of sixty years ago.

DANIEL RENNIE DIES AT SAN JOSE, CAL.

MINE BLACKSMITH EXPIRES WHEN RHEUMATISM ATTACKS HIS HEART

Daniel Rennie, of Tonopah, died last Wednesday at the home of his sisters in San Jose, Cal. He was a man aged about 55 years and had lived the greater part of his life in Nevada, being employed in Bodie and Candelaria in the early days, later at Virginia City and Battle Mountain. For the past two years he was blacksmith at the Reacue mine.

About four months ago he was attacked by rheumatism and spent a month in the Mine Operators' hospital, going from here to San Jose. His three sisters are Miss Rennie, Mrs. Lowe and Mrs. Murphy. The rheumatism with which he suffered attacked his heart, causing almost instant death. Mr. Rennie was seemingly on the way to recovery and planned to come back to Tonopah after the first of the year.

FOUND GUILTY, BUT SENTENCE IS SUSPENDED

Charles Wolfe and J. Patterson, who were charged with stealing five pairs of trousers from the store of the Kind company, Inc., were convicted yesterday afternoon in Judge Dunseath's court. They were sentenced to 90 days in jail, but sentence was suspended for 28 hours in order to give them an opportunity to leave town.

BRITISH VESSEL STRIKES AND BREAKS TO PIECES

By Associated Press.
HALIFAX, Nova Scotia, Dec. 30.—The steamer Navarra, chartered by the admiralty, which was bound for France, loaded with horse feed, struck on Holmes island and is reported to be breaking up. No word is received relative to the safety of the crew.

TODAY AND A YEAR AGO.

Official readings of the thermometer by the United States observer at Tonopah:

	1914	1913
5 a. m.	28	25
9 a. m.	31	24
12 noon	37	31
2 p. m.	42	34

REPORTED FIND IN YELLOW TIGER MINE

TEN DOLLAR ORE EXPOSED BY DRIFT ON THE 700 LEVEL

The exploration of the big vein of the Yellow Tiger Mining company property on the 700-foot level was resumed a few days ago and already highly encouraging results are being obtained. The quartz in the face of the north drift on the vein, which carried no values when work was resumed, is now yielding assay returns \$10 a ton. General Manager Charles D. Wilkinson is much pleased with the improvement and is confident that the extension of the drift will result in the exposure of better values.

Pending the repair of the eight-drill air compressor, which was badly damaged in the fire of supposed incendiary origin which more than two months ago destroyed all the surface buildings, the drift is being advanced with hand steel. The new parts for the compressor have arrived on the ground from Denver, Colo., and the repair work is now in progress. A new 100-horsepower electric motor, to operate the compressor, has also been shipped from Denver and it is expected to arrive in a few days.

The working force at the property has been increased from one to two shifts of miners, in consequence of the improved showing in the drift named. It was the intention of Manager Wilkinson to start a raise from the drift, but he has now decided to defer the work until the drift has determined the extent and importance of the new find. He will, however, soon start a winze on the vein from the south drift on the 700-level.

HEARING OF POWER CO. APPLICATION CONTINUED

The hearing of the application of the Nevada-California Power company for injunctions against Nye and Esmeralda counties, which was set for argument before Judge Farrington in the federal court Monday morning, was by agreement of counsel continued for one week. The public service corporation is seeking to annul the action of the tax commission and equalize taxes on property valued at over \$1,000,000 as assessed by order of the state commission, which recently increased the valuation of the corporation's property in Nye and Esmeralda counties.

NARROW ESCAPE OF TWO LADIES AS TRAIN DEPARTS

HEROISM OF PUD HATTON SAVES FROM DEATH IMPENDING

One life was narrowly saved from death and another placed in jeopardy this morning through the inviolable habit that ladies have of stepping off a moving vehicle backward. The ladies in question, accompanied by a little boy and a little girl, got on No. 23 to bid a relative goodbye. The signal for starting the train was given and it started down the grade before the final farewells were spoken. They both leaped to the platform, despite the shouted warnings of baggageman Pud Hatton and other spectators. Each of the ladies stopped off backward and was thrown to the platform. The second rolled to the rail and was in imminent danger of death or mutilation when Mr. Hatton dragged her from alongside of the trucks. One of the children leaped out, but the other remained on the train, which was speedily halted on signal given by Conductor Meeks. If injury had been sustained, there could have been no claim for damage against the Tonopah and Goldfield Railway company, as there is a state law forbidding anyone, not possessing transportation, from entering a train, except at stations where tickets are not sold.

CAVALRYMEN ORDERED TO LEAVE STRIKE FIELD

By Associated Press.
WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—Troop L of the Twelfth cavalry, which was on duty in Routt county, Colorado, since May, has been ordered to Fort Meade in South Dakota. Orders for gradual withdrawal of other federal troops, sent to quell the mining disturbances, are in preparation.

DOMINO PARTY AT HOME OF THE ELKS

The Elks of Tonopah will give a New Year dance tomorrow evening in their hall. It will be for members, visiting brethren and their ladies. It will be a domino party and all are requested to come properly appareled, clown suits being particularly desired.

MISS FANNIE CONNELLY came over from Goldfield this morning.